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Idaho Milk Production up 14.0 Percent

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Idaho milk production during September 2005 totaled 874 million pounds, a 14.0 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 34 million pounds from August 2005. Revised production for August 2005 totaled 908 million pounds, up 4 million pounds from the preliminary estimate and 13.9 percent above August 2004. Average milk production per cow in September 2005 was 1,860 pounds, an 80 pound increase from September 2004, but 80 pounds less than August 2005. The average number of milk cows during September was 470,000 head, up 2,000 head from August 2005 and up 39,000 head from September 2004.

Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 13.0 billion pounds, up 4.9 percent from September 2004. August revised production, at 13.6 billion pounds, was up 4.8 percent from August 2004. The August revision represented an increase of 22 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,597 pounds for September, 64 pounds above September 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.16 million head, 54,000 head more than September 2004, and 1,000 head more than August 2005.

Milk Production Average Number of Cows, Selected States, September 2004-2005

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2004
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	165	161	1,660	1,740	274	280	2.2
California	1,737	1,765	1,715	1,745	2,979	3,080	3.4
Colorado	103	106	1,750	1,855	180	197	9.4
Florida	137	134	1,025	1,130	140	151	7.9
IDAHO	431	470	1,780	1,860	767	874	14.0
Illinois	107	104	1,440	1,450	154	151	-1.9
Indiana	150	156	1,540	1,615	231	252	9.1
Iowa	191	187	1,580	1,610	302	301	-0.3
Kansas	115	112	1,550	1,650	178	185	3.9
Kentucky	109	105	990	1,000	108	105	-2.8
Michigan	303	312	1,670	1,735	506	541	6.9
Minnesota	465	450	1,365	1,435	635	646	1.7
Missouri	121	115	1,150	1,125	139	129	-7.2
New Mexico	325	333	1,670	1,710	543	569	4.8
New York	654	649	1,420	1,515	929	983	5.8
Ohio	266	270	1,370	1,410	364	381	4.7
Oregon	120	121	1,565	1,550	188	188	
Pennsylvania	562	561	1,415	1,500	795	842	5.9
Texas	320	320	1,405	1,515	450	485	7.8
Vermont	145	142	1,430	1,480	207	210	1.4
Virginia	104	105	1,290	1,300	134	137	2.2
Washington	235	243	1,870	1,915	439	465	5.9
Wisconsin	1,239	1,237	1,440	1,520	1,784	1,880	5.4
23 STATE TOTAL	8,104	8,158	1,533	1,597	12,426	13,032	4.9

1/Include dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.

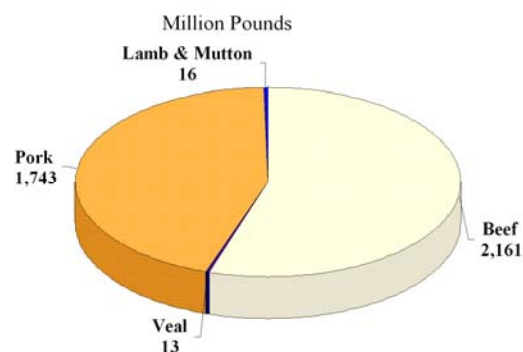
Idaho Red Meat Production Down 33 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for September 2005 totaled 25.2 million pounds, down 33 percent from last year. September production was down 11 percent from the 28.4 million pounds produced in August. Accumulated red meat production for the January-September 2005 period totaled 247 million pounds, down 26 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.93 billion pounds in September, up 1 percent from the 3.91 billion pounds produced in September 2004. Beef production, at 2.16 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.78 million head, up 1 percent from September 2004. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,276 pounds. Veal production totaled 13.2 million pounds, 2 percent above September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 60,700 head, down 10 percent from September 2004. The average live weight was 43 pounds above last year, at 363 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.74 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.87 million head, 1 percent below September 2004. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 265 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.6 million pounds, was down 4 percent from September 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 231,300 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, up 2

pounds from September a year ago. January to September 2005 commercial red meat production was 33.9 billion pounds, up slightly from 2004. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 7 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

**Commercial Red Meat Production^{1/}
United States, September 2005**



1/ Based on packers' dressed weight and excludes farm slaughter
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Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States^{1/}

State	September 2004	August 2005	September 2005	September 2005 As Percent of ^{2/}	
				September 2004	August 2005
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	124.7	128.1	119.2	96	93
Colorado	176.2	167.3	149.9	85	90
IDAHO	37.6	28.4	25.2	67	89
Illinois	227.7	228.0	230.3	101	101
Iowa	568.4	546.9	555.9	98	102
Kansas	467.8	546.0	515.8	110	94
Minnesota	199.6	191.9	200.2	100	104
Montana	1.4	1.7	1.5	105	89
Nebraska	597.6	*654.8	608.1	102	93
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	120	111
Oklahoma	84.1	92.1	85.3	101	93
Oregon	3.6	4.2	3.7	103	88
South Dakota	86.7	83.0	87.3	101	105
Texas	401.0	*457.4	407.8	102	89
Utah	35.7	42.8	43.0	120	100
Washington	36.9	56.8	57.6	156	101
Wyoming	0.7	1.0	0.5	78	52
UNITED STATES	3,906.3	*4,099.4	3,932.8	101	96

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data. *Revised

Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 2 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on October 1, 2005 totaled 270,000 head, down 2 percent from the October 1, 2004 inventory. The inventory was up 8 percent from the number on hand September 1, 2005. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September totaled 69,000 head, down 15,000 head from September 2004 placements. Marketings during September totaled 48,000 head, down 5,000 from September 2004 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on October 1, 2005. The inventory was

slightly below October 1, 2004 but up 3 percent from October 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.36 million, 1 percent below 2004 and 5 percent below 2003. Net placements were 2.30 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 565,000, 600-699 pounds were 505,000, 700-799 pounds were 550,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 735,000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.82 million, 1 percent above 2004 but 11 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 57,000 during September, 7 percent below 2004 and 10 percent below 2003.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	Oct. 1, 2004	Sept. 1, 2005	October 1, 2005			
			Number	As % of 2004	As % of Sept.	
	---1,000 Head---		---Percent---			
	Arizona	298	314	318	107	101
	California	520	530	535	103	101
	Colorado	1,020	770	900	88	117
	Idaho	275	250	270	98	108
	Iowa	375	395	410	109	104
	Kansas	2,220	2,210	2,250	101	102
	Nebraska	1,940	1,770	1,940	100	110
	New Mexico	136	135	136	100	101
	Oklahoma	340	320	335	99	105
	South Dakota	143	132	130	91	98
	Texas	2,770	2,800	2,830	102	101
	Washington	180	139	153	85	110
	Other States	285	235	275	96	117
	United States	10,502	10,000	10,482	100	105

^{1/}Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

Frozen Potato Stocks

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on September 30, 2005, totaled 931 million pounds, an increase of 4 percent from August 31, 2005 and up 2 percent from September 30, 2004. Other frozen potatoes, at 249 million pounds, increased 9 percent from August stocks, but decreased 5 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on September 30, 2005, totaled 123 million pounds, down 18 percent from the end of the previous month, and down 8 percent from September 30, 2004. Of this 123 million pounds, the government owned 44,000 pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 542 million pounds, down 5 percent from August 31, and 2 percent less than last year. The government owned 844,000 pounds, a small percentage of the total stocks.

Commodity	Sept. 30, 2004	Aug. 31, 2005	Sept. 30, 2005	2005 2004
	1,000 Pounds		Percent	
POTATOES				
French Fries	915,922	893,612	930,609	102
Other Frozen	262,726	227,720	248,850	95
Total	1,178,648	1,121,332	1,179,459	100
DAIRY PRODUCTS:				
Butter, Total	133,008	149,623	122,988	92
(Gov't Owned)	50	55	44	88
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	553,884	572,829	541,511	98
(Gov't Owned)	6,454	943	844	13

Selected Crops: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho & U.S. 2004-2005

	Area Harvested		Unit	Yield		Production		
	2004	2005		2004	2005	2004	2005	
IDAHO	Thousand Acres			Thousands				
	Alfalfa Hay	1,180	1,180	Tons	4.00	3.90	4,720	4,602
	Other Hay	300	300	Tons	2.10	2.20	630	660
	Sugarbeets	192.0	167.0	Tons	28.7	27.3	5,510	4,559
	Dry Beans ^{1/2/}	78.0	98.0	Pounds	2,100	1,900	1,638	1,862
UNITED STATES	Alfalfa Hay	21,707	22,118	Tons	3.47	3.43	75,383	75,940
	Other Hay	40,209	39,605	Tons	2.05	1.94	82,391	76,931
	Sugarbeets	1,306.9	1,243.3	Tons	22.9	21.5	29,956	26,746
	Dry Beans ^{1/2/}	1,219.3	1,522.1	Pounds	1,460	1,715	17,799	26,109

1/ Yield in pounds, production in cwt. 2/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed; includes chickpeas.